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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN UNILATERAL FISHERIES EXPANSION

1. THE FOLLOWING NEWS ITEM WAS TAKEN FROM COPENHAGEN'S  
BERLINGSKE TIDENDE, DATED MARCH 11, 1976.

2. NORWAY PREPARING A UNILATERAL FISHERIES EXPANSION.  
(A 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN 1976).

3. ACCORDING TO A NORWEGIAN INFORMATION SERVICE BULLETIN,  
NORWAY HAS TREATENED "UNILATERAL STEPS" IF AGREEMENT  
WITH THE EC HAS NOT BEEN REACHED BEFORE AUTUMN, 1976.  
THE BULLETIN SAYS ALL COUNTRIES WITH HISTORIC FISHING  
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RIGHTS IN NORWEGIAN WATERS WILL RECEIVE PROPOSALS FOR

FUTURE FISHERIES LIMITS WITH NORWAY PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE LOS IN NEW YORK ON MARCH 15. HOWEVER, DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN SAID THAT HE KNEW OF NO SUCH INFORMATION NOR HAD DENMARK RECEIVED ANY PROPOSAL. ANDERSEN SAID THAT EC COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE TO NEGOTIATE A COMMON FISHERIES POLICY AND THAT DENMARK, AT THE LOS CONFERENCE, WOULD BE OPEN-MINDED. DENMARK HAS EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR THE PARTICULAR DEPENDENCE OF ICELAND ON ITS FISHERIES, BUT ANDERSEN SAID DENMARK WILL LOOK WITH DISFAVOR SHOULD OTHER COUNTRIES ATTEMPT TO SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS BY TAKING "UNILATERAL STEPS".

4. THE NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENT THEN ADDED THAT THE BIG PROBLEM DURING THE EC NEGOTIATIONS IS THAT THE UK WILL NO ACCEPT AN EC-CONTROLLED NORTH SEA AND WILL INSTEAD DEMAND THAT A WIDE COASTAL ZONE BE MAINTAINED STRICTLY FOR BRITISH FISHERMEN. THIS WOULD BE A SERIOUS BLOW TO DANISH FISHERIES. THE DANISH REPLY, THE CORRESPONDENT SAID, IN SUCH CASE WOULD BE FOR BRITISH FISHERMEN TO BE KEPT OUT OF DANISH WATERS IN THE NORTH SEA, THE FAEROE ISLANDS, ROCKALL AND GREENLAND. A NORDIC AGREEMENT FOR THE NRTH ATLANTIC AREA MAY SOLVE MANY OF THE PROBLEMS, BUT WILL BE FAR FROM SOLVING ALL PROBLEMS.

5. COMMENT. THE PRESENT UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHO WILL ULTIMATELY CONTROL THE MAJOR NORTH SEA RESOURCES, THE EC OR UK, IS ONE OF THE PRMARY PROBLEMS NORWAY IS ENCOUNTERING WHILE TRYING TO ESTABISH POLICIES FOR ITS OWN 200-MILE ECNOMIC ZONEE. NORWAY IS ANXIOUS TO REACH AGREEMENT SO ITS PURSE-SEINE FLEET WILL CONTIJUE TO HAVE ACCESS TO NORTH SEA HERRING AND SPRAT STOCKS. ONE OF THE MAJOR GOALS OF THE UK FISHING INDUSTRY, WHILE STRIVING TO CONTROL MORE OF ITS COASTAL WATERS THAN THE 12 MILES PROPOSED BY THE EC, IS TOHAVE THEIR GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATE AN EXCHANGE OF UK HERRING AND SPRAT FOR NORWEGIAN COD. DENMARK'S AUTHORITIES ARE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE EVENTUAL ECNOMIC WELL-BEING OF THEIR INDUSTRIAL FISHERY SHOULD THEY UNCLASSIFIED

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BE EXCLUDED FROM THE NORTH SEA. THE MENTIONING OF ROCKALL IN THE NEWS ITEM INTRODUCES AGAIN THIS UK-DENMARK DISPUTED SEAMOUNT APPROXIMATELY 200 MILES WEST OF SCOTLAND. DENMARK IS CURRENTLY OUTFITTING AN INDUSTRIAL FLEET OF 11 TRAWLERS TO WORK THE "BLUE WHITING" STOCKS IN THE DEPTHS OFF ROCKALL WHICH WERE FOUND THERE SEVERAL YEARS AGO BY U.K. RESEARCH VESSELS.

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